



# STRATFORD PREPARATORY

2 - 11 YRS CO-EDUCATIONAL INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL

# Supervision of Pupils Policy including EYFS

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# Supervision of Pupils

Teachers at Stratford Prep School have a duty of care to all pupils in the school. It is the responsibility of the Head to ensure that high standards of behaviour and discipline are maintained throughout the time that pupils are present on the School site, as well as during activities on or off campus. It is also the responsibility of the Head to ensure that there is effective supervision of the school buildings and that the site is secure.

Duty of care is a legal requirement. The Headteacher is required to ensure, as far as is practicable, adequate supervision of pupils throughout the school day to ensure their health, safety and welfare. They are also required to ensure, as far as is practicable, that the school is a safe place to work for employees and for others who enter the site.

## Supervision during the School Day

<p><b>Before School</b> <i>8:00am – 8:30am</i></p>	<p>The main school gates open at 8:00am. Prior to this time, <b>no pupils</b> (unless supervised by a member of staff directly) should be on site, with the exception of those registered in Bard's Breakfast club. At 8:00am, there is a member of staff on duty at the pupil entrance, with an additional member of teaching staff on the playground. While on duty, staff are required to have a whistle.</p>
<p><b>Before School</b> <i>Poor Weather</i></p>	<p>If the weather means that it would be unsuitable for pupils to be outside, the following arrangements are in place:</p> <p>Little Prep: supervised by a member of staff in the continuous provision room Prep – Dining hall supervised by duty staff member.</p>
<p><b>Registration</b></p>	<p>Class teachers are responsible for pupils during morning registration time at the start of the school day. EYFS key adult will register EYFS.</p> <p>Pupils will also register at afternoon registration each day.</p>
<p><b>Lesson Time</b></p>	<p>Teachers are responsible for the supervision of their class. Ideally, classes should not be left unsupervised. In an emergency, a teacher might:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Summon a teacher from an adjacent classroom to supervise both classes</li> <li>○ Call/Email School Reception to request support</li> <li>○ Send a pupil with an accompanying pupil to Reception</li> </ul> <p>EYFS children will not be left unsupervised. Ratios will be maintained throughout the whole school day.</p>
<p><b>Break / Lunch Time</b></p>	<p>All pupils on the playground(s) are supervised by members of staff during lunch times. The two members of staff on duty will ensure the safety of all pupils on the playground.</p> <p>Class teachers in the lunch hall supervise the pupils in their classes eating lunch.</p>
<p><b>Break / Lunch Time</b> <i>Poor Weather</i></p>	<p>If the weather means that it would be unsuitable for pupils to be outside, pupils in the Little Prep go to the continuous provision room, where they will be supervised by the duty staff member.</p> <p>Pupils in the Prep will go to the Dining Hall during the break/lunchtime and will be supervised by the Prep duty staff member.</p>

<b>Break / Lunch Time</b> <i>Music Practice Rooms</i>	Pupils are not given access to music practice rooms during break and lunch times unless arranged with, and supervised by, the Music department staff.
<b>EYFS pupils</b>	<p>If the person collecting the child is not recognised by the member of staff at the gate, then a check should be made with the school office as to the arrangements for that child's collection. If no message has been received, then the parents will be contacted before the child is released.</p> <p><b>Swimming</b> Additional staff are placed on a rota for swimming to aid with changing and supervision in the pool. There are ample staff in the pool during the swimming sessions and a qualified swimming coach and trained lifeguard are in attendance at all times.</p>
<b>Sports Activities</b>	<p>All teachers taking sporting activities (including external sport coaches) will be aware of the relevant risk assessments for such activities and will ensure the safety of pupils in relation to their activity. Teachers will consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Barring access to equipment without direct teacher supervision</li> <li>- The safety of any apparatus being used</li> <li>- The suitability of pupils' clothing for the activity (including jewellery, watches and wearing appropriate protective equipment)</li> </ul>
<b>Extra-Curricular Activities</b>	<p>Members of staff (including volunteers and contractors) with responsibility for extra-curricular activities must be aware of the school policies on Child Protection, Health and Safety and Fire Policy. All staff should exercise adequate care and ensure that appropriate supervision is in place at all times during the activity.</p> <p>Pupils need to be signed into and out of their clubs when a parent picks them up from school.</p>
<b>Pupils who are 'off' Games</b>	<p>Pupils who are unable to take part in Games will be either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supervised by the member of staff running the activity</li> <li>- With another member of staff and supervised at all times.</li> </ul>
<b>Aftercare</b>	Members of staff running aftercare facilities are responsible for the supervision of pupils.

## Pupil Absence

If a pupil is unable to attend school because of illness, his/her parents/guardians are asked to contact the school reception on 01789 297993 before 8:40am on the day to report the illness and to give the likely duration of the absence. As part of the School's requirement to protect the pupils in its care, all visitors to the school are expected to sign in and out at School Reception, where they will receive a badge which they are expected to wear for the duration of their visit.

All staff should be prepared to challenge strangers on the premises, and to report concerns to School Reception.

## Classrooms

Pupils should not be left unsupervised in classrooms outside lesson times, apart from during 'poor weather' arrangements where staff will supervise pupils.

## **Supervision of Pupils on Trips**

For guidance of supervision of Pupils on Trips, please see the Trips and Visits Policy.

## **Cover Arrangements and Supervision of Pupils**

If a member of staff is sick, they should report the illness as soon as possible (and before 8:00am) to allow for adequate cover to be arranged.

## **Collection**

No children will ever be released into the care of an adult who is not recognised by staff and authorised by a parent. Parents must inform staff in writing (e-mail) or in person if there is to be a change to collection routines and photos provided for identification purposes. If in any doubt, staff must not release the child and should call the parent and inform the Headteacher or Little Prep Manager.